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SUBJ: DANES PROTEST MOSCOW TRIALS

1. DANISH GOVERNMENT TRANSMITTED PROTEST CONCERNING SHCHARANSKY GINZBURG TRIALS TO MOSCOW JULY 11. PROTEST VOICED "DEEP CONCERN" OVER THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PROCEEDINGS, FOR "CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE" AND FOR "INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE IN GENERAL" (FULL TEXT BELOW). AS MEASURE OF DANISH CONCERN, PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN WHO IS CURRENTLY ALSO SERVING AS FOREIGN MINISTER, READ FROM PROTEST OVER DANISH RADIO. FOLKETING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AT INITIATIVE OF THE (FOUR) NON-SOCIALIST PARTIES WILL CONSIDER ISSUE AT EMERGENCY MEETING JULY 13.

2. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LISE OSTERGAARD TOLD PRESS THAT DANISH GOVERNMENT SOUGHT OBTAIN JOINT EC DEMARCHE BUT DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH INDIVIDUAL PROTEST BECAUSE OF "THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SHORTNESS OF TIME". (DOPENHAGEN DAILY INFORMATION REPORTED URGENCY CAUSED BY REPORT THAT SENTENCING MIGHT OCCUR AS EARLY AS JULY 12.) OSTERGAARD REPORTEDLY ALSO STATED DANES HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SWEDES AND NORWEGIANS AND "IN OUR FORMULATION WE ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT".

3. COPENHAGEN DAILIES FEATURE TRIALS AND FOREIGN COVERAGE

PROMINENTLY, MOST ALSO HAVING CONDEMNED TRIALS EDITORIALY.
PRESS GENERALLY HAS CHARACTERIZED TRIALS AS SERIOUS, POSSIBLY
DELIBERATE THREAT TO DETENTE AIMED AT US BUT ALSO HAVING
IMPLICATIONS FOR ALL SIGNERS OF HELSINKI AGREEMENT.

4. TEXT OF PROTEST FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

"BY SIGNING THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND
COOPERATION IN EUROPE IN 1975, THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES
AGREED TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF
LIBERTY AS WELL AS CONFIRMED THE RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL
CITIZEN TO KNOW AND EXERCISE HIS RIGHTS AND DUTIES IN THIS AREA.

"ON THIS BASIS, IT HAS CAUSED CONCERN IN DENMARK THAT THE
SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE DECIDED TO CARRY THROUGH A NUMBER OF
PROCESSES AGAINST MEMBERS OF GROUPS WHICH IN FULL COMPLIANCE
WITH THE FINAL ACT HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO SEE THAT THE AUTHORITIES
OBSERVE ITS PROVISIONS.

"THE DANISH GOVERNMENT SHARES THE DEEP CONCERN EXPRESSED BY
MANY REGARDING THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF THESE PROCESSES
FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER
SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE AND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
CLIMATE IN GENERAL." END TEXT.

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